

REMARKS**Claim Amendments**

In an effort to move this case forward, Applicants presently cancel claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50 in this Response. In cancelling the claims in the present application, Applicants do not concede that the claims as originally filed were not in a condition for allowance. Rather, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the originally filed claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject. As discussed above, Applicants cancel claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50 in this Response. In cancelling claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50, Applicants in no way admit that claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50 did not satisfy all requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101. Because claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50 are cancelled, however, Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description. As discussed above, Applicants cancel claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50 in this Response. In cancelling claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50, Applicants in no way admit that claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50 did not satisfy all requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Because claims 23-26, 28-30, and 50 are cancelled, however, Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 50 stands rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Gallick (U.S. Patent No. 6,678,359) (hereafter, 'Gallick') in view of Bartholomew,

et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,167,119)(hereafter, 'Bartholomew'). As discussed above, Applicants cancel claim 50 in this Response. In cancelling claim 50, Applicants in no way admit that the cited combination of references can be used to establish a prima facie case of obviousness against claim 50. Because claim 50 is cancelled, however, Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

During the examination of the present application, Examiner MD S. ELAHEE identified allowable subject matter in an Office Action dated June 26, 2008. In particular, the Examiner advised that claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-22, 40-41, 43-46, 48-49, and 52 each recite allowable subject matter. Applicants accordingly amend the claims of the present application so that the present application includes claims identified as being allowable only.

Conclusion

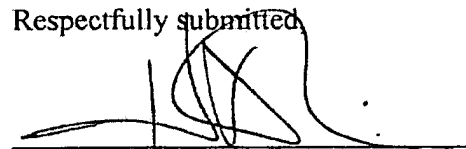
Each pending claim includes subject matter identified as allowable. Because each remaining claim recites allowable subject matter, Applicants therefore request allowance of dependent claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-22, 40-41, 43-46, 48-49, and 52.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0447 for any fees required or overpaid.

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